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	BW would be the application of Ginsburg's techniques to the production of virulent pathogens for use as agents or the production of attenuated strains for vaccines and/or inactivation of the pathogenic strains for production of vaccines.				
3.	In source's opinion the organization, administration, and purpose of the Soviet BW program might be as follows: 3				
	a. The First Chief Directorate of the Council of Ministers would head the over-all program and would operate through each "Secret Section" of the Health, Agriculture, and Defense ministries.				
	b. The First Chief Directorate would have a small staff of full-time research administrators and planners with a large group of consultants from various ministries and institutes.				
	c. Existing microbiological institutes would be used for segments of BW development.				
	d. No large-scale BW development project would be in progress in the USSR .	25X1			
	e. BW would be used as a means of sabotage rather than as a large-scale 'strategic operation.				
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